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Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

Only Mother Nature could Defeat Jacques Villeneuve

It was warm last weekend: the early March days were gorgeous and sunny. One could feel the heat penetrating his or her winter jacket, and many of the spectators in attendance at the 2nd Highland Cup snowmobile races had abandoned their heavy clothing and welcomed the return of the sun's warmth.

But by early afternoon on Saturday, the gift of spring was causing problems on the ice-track for the Highlands Cup organizers and competitors. Maybe the "Danger-thin ice" sign was an omen. It was slushy, even wet, on the oval, and in some areas the ice along the edge of the Pinestone pond had given way.

Although much of the pit area was reduced to puddles and slush, it didn't seem to dampen the racers' enthusiasm. Concerted efforts by the track maintenance crew, along with a few minor scheduling changes, enabled the Saturday races to be completed. The premier event, the Pro Champ Final, was the last race Saturday afternoon and it did not disappoint. Veteran racer, 56 year old Jacques Villeneuve, took first place, even lapping some of the competition, a remarkable feat considering that only two weeks prior he had survived a spectacular crash at the Valcourt Grand Prix

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Algonquin Highlands Taxpayers to Pay Huge Settlement for Expropriated Lands

"Although it has come at an extraordinary cost, we have secured the future of the airport."

(Reeve Eleanor Harrison)

"What we all need are essential things like safe drinking water, good roads, sewage disposal and waste management; things that the general public can benefit from."

(Bill Middleton)

"All this for a project that is not needed, not justified and not wanted by the people who will pay for it."

(MBC President Paul MacInnes)

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Despite growing odds that the project may never happen, the costs for expansion plans at the Stanhope Airport have just increased radically with a recently negotiated settlement for land expropriated from a local family. The Township of Algonquin Highlands has reached a settlement agreement with the Middleton family totalling \$765,830.01 over lands deemed necessary for airport development, which lie north of the Stanhope Airport at the corner of Airport Road and Barry Line.

The statement issued by the Municipality reads, "The land in question was deemed necessary by the Township for the expansion of the Haliburton-Stanhope Airport. By way of an agreement pursuant to the Expropriations Act, the land was transferred to the Township on October 31, 2007 for the sum of \$200,000. Pursuant to the agreement, the Middleton family retained the right to pursue further compensation for the land.

As part of their claim, the Middletons asserted that the 100 acres would be severable into 10 rural residential building lots thereby increasing the value of the land, and also that they were entitled to more money for injurious affection.

Therefore, the proceedings of the OMB were intended to address and determine if the Middleton family was, indeed, entitled to any additional compensation for the land over and above the \$200,000 paid for the 100 acres, and also to determine if the Middletons were entitled to compensation for injurious

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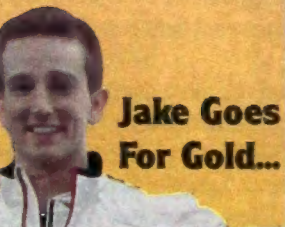
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Jake Goes For Gold...

Team Canada gets Local Support

Lyn Winans

Photojournalist



Helen Burk and Linda Schrader didn't think any local kid should go off to Switzerland to represent Canada without a showing of support from Haliburton County. Within four days they had collected 540 signatures on a Canadian flag to send to Jake Walker in Europe.

Jake and his rink are representing our nation in the World Junior Curling Championship (20 yrs and under) which is being held in Flims, Switzerland March 6th to 14th.

Along with the Canadian flag, Schrader presented Jake's parents, Corey and Nancy Walker, with \$660.00 cash, \$100 from the Minden Legion #636, and the remainder from local well-wishers in an effort to help Jake offset the expenses of the trip. In Switzerland where breakfast can cost in excess of \$20.00, the thoughts, and the generosity of local boosters, will surely be appreciated.

About 14 supporters, mostly family, will be in attendance to cheer on the Canadian team in Switzerland. Jake's family, like those of other team members, decided it was a once in a lifetime opportunity and boarded an Air Canada flight for Zurich last Saturday evening knowing that Jake and his rink had already beaten Finland 6-2 during their first round robin match-up. Local travel agent Penny Obee donated time to arrange flights for Canada's contingent.

Jake, along with the rest of Team Canada, traveled to Europe on Tuesday March 2nd in preparation for the bonspiel. With Switzerland, Norway, the USA, Scotland, Russia, Denmark, China and Sweden still to play before final rounds, the support of family and community can only be a further inspiration.

As of late Tuesday night, Walker's Team Canada shared first place with Scotland and Norway, with five wins in six games. They've defeated Finland, USA, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, and dropped a game to China.

For more pictures please see page three □

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Don't Feed the Wolves

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"They're not inherently bad or good; they're just trying to survive like everyone else." (Gerry Moraal)

You might think that should read 'don't feed the deer', but in essence if you're feeding deer in your back yard, you're feeding the wolves as well and according to Gerry Moraal with the Ministry of Natural Resources, it's something that is just asking for trouble if you're concerned about wolves in proximity to your home.

There's no doubt that having a number of those soft eyed creatures gracing your backyard or eating out of your hand is a wonderful thing, but Moraal says it only encourages the wolves and coyotes that are extremely opportunistic feeders consuming any food at hand and prepared to follow the deer right into your territory.

Moraal, an Area Biologist, and Colin Higgins, a Senior Fish and Wildlife Technician, attended the Dysart et al Council meeting on Monday to try to provide some clarification over growing concerns about wolf sightings in the area. "We hope to help Council make some decisions when dealing with growing wolf/ population conflicts," said Moraal.

When asked why he referred to coyotes when recent concerns were about wolves, Moraal said that the Eastern Coyote and Eastern Wolves are synonymous. "It is the same animal. It is a real mixed bag here but most of them have coyote genes."

Moraal explained that coyotes were only in the western part of North America prior to the 1850 but there have been Eastern Wolves and Grey Wolves historically throughout the southern part of Ontario. "There was a large extermination of Eastern Wolves that opened the area up to the Western Coyote. As the Eastern Wolf was not totally extinct they hybridized into the Eastern Coyote. At the same time, grey wolves have interbred with Eastern Wolves." He showed slides showing how the animals had interacted and hybridized, although he did say there was no evidence of the larger Grey Wolves hybridizing with Western Coyotes.

"The difference is mostly in the size," he said giving examples showing a range anywhere from 25 to 75 pounds with the Western Coyote being quite small and the Eastern Wolf reaching up to 75 pounds or more.

As to coyote/dog crosses, Moraal said the mix could happen it wasn't common. "From time to time a domestic female dog will breed with a coyote, but the pups don't live long. The hybrid female is in heat earlier than normal and the pups are born in February, so it's difficult for them to survive. As well, male hybrids don't show any parental care which leads to a low survival rate as well."

Moraal said that it is rare to see the main breeding pair of wolves. "They're more knowledgeable, secretive and aware and because it's so tough to find them, you need a trained person."

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Photo By:
Lyn Winans

Haliburton's Hank DeBruin Mushes Across Alaska on the Iditarod

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

The time finally came last Saturday for Hank DeBruin to start the race of a life time; Iditarod. Hank is Co-owner of Winterdance Dog Sled Tours with his wife, Tanya McCready-DeBruin, who, with their four children, also travelled to Alaska. Iditarod is a 1,150-mile (1,850km) dog-sled race across Alaska that is hailed as one of the world's great endurance tests.

Hank left the starting gate on Saturday at 3.26pm local time. Tanya kept everyone back home via the Internet up to date with their adventure: "The race started at 2pm. The restart is staged out of a lake and it is quite a sight to see the starting line and chute go across the lake with 70 dog trucks parked on the ice leading up to the chute.

"In what seemed like no time at all we had 30 minutes to the start. Dogs were dropped and harnessed, the sled was anchored to the truck and Hank got on his heavy gear. The gang line was laid out and the dogs were hooked up, Lily & Strider in lead.

"We had eight wonderful volunteer handlers from Georgia, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, California, Australia and Alaska who helped keep the team in line and happy. Dustyn and Logan, our children, helped with the more challenging dogs who listen so well to them. Hank and I drove the sled, even with both of us hard on the break and nine people holding dogs, the power was scary. We couldn't stop them until Hank grabbed the snow hook and with all his weight sunk it in the snow.

"Two minutes to go; Hank ran up to pet all the dogs and I held the brake and listened to the announcer introduce Hank with our children standing by the sled. Mark Nordman the Race Marshall leaned over and said to me, with his big smile, "You aren't going to cry today are you?" (I had choked up yesterday).

"With that Hank was back at the sled and with a hug and a kiss took over the sled. I ran up to cheer on the dogs. As I reached Lily and Strider I heard, "Three, two, one and he's on his way to Nome!" We watched him head down the lake between the lines of people. As he climbed a hill and headed away from us I knew he was fine, doing what he does best, being where he loves to be."

Hank took 20 dogs with him to Alaska but left four behind, one being Max an older dog that was in the running as a lead dog. However he got to take part in the ceremonial start instead. Tanya writes, "Max finished his racing career today (Saturday) at the top, leading out the Iditarod team. Hank has made the hard decision to leave him behind. Max had gotten grumpy over the course of the long drive and while keen to run his heart hadn't been in it the last few runs. Plus he had stopped eating well which is not like Max. Finally Hank said his eyes just said he didn't want to do it."

As of press time Hank was in 62nd place and according to Tanya, "He just blew through Rainy Pass checkpoint for the Dalzell, Gorge and Rohn checkpoint, one spot that worries me. Its a glacier covered wall that runs water all winter, teams wind their way through the steep canyon on sloping trails."

The official Iditarod website writes about the Gorge, "Depending on conditions, the Gorge can be nothing more than a very scenic exercise in sled driving or it can be a musher's worst nightmare come true. The worst-case scenario is minimal snow and lots of glare ice and open water. Once you're down into the canyon the trail will start jumping from side to side. You then cross the creek (which always has open, running water) on sometimes narrow ice and snow bridges, some of which may be collapsed. Even under good conditions, mushers must keep enough speed to cross these bridges. If the dogs cut across them or slow down at the wrong time you can find yourself in big trouble quickly, sliding down ice ledges into the water."

We'll keep you updated with Hank's journey in our next issue of the Voice. □



NOTICE

The fourteenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Minden (location to be announced).

2010/11 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident* of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the June 25, 2010 Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by April 1, 2010.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination, which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS (Haliburton or Minden Hospitals), during regular business hours, or by contacting:

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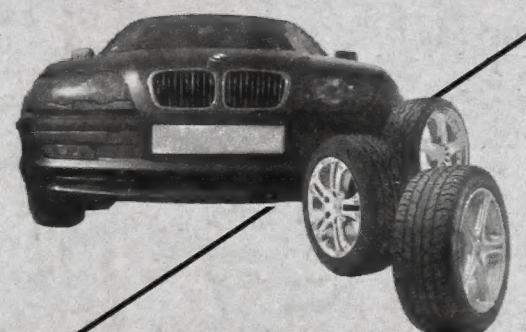
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Linda Schrader presents Jake Walker's mom, Nancy with \$600, to help Jake offset his expenses.
Right: Volunteer Helen Burk displays flag signed by all the donors, that was flown over to Jake in Switzerland.



Devolin Recovering after Surgery to Repair Detached Retina

Local MP Barry Devolin is recovering in Ottawa following unscheduled surgery. Last Friday, Devolin learned he had a detached retina-a serious problem that could cause permanent loss of vision. After spending the weekend in and out of Ottawa General Hospital, he underwent laser surgery on Sunday morning. Dr. Leonard of the Ottawa Eye Institute said the surgery went well and time will tell if vision comes back in the affected eye. Dr. Leonard put Devolin on a strict "stay still" plan until his follow-up visit in 10 days. At this point, Devolin does not know when he will be able to resume his duties in parliament and the riding. ■

THURSDAY



Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers late
▲ 11° ▼ 0°

FRIDAY



Cloudy with scattered showers
▲ 11° ▼ 2°

SATURDAY



Cooler with more showers likely
▲ 8° ▼ 0°

SUNDAY



Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow
▲ 2° ▼ -5°

MONDAY



Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow
▲ 2° ▼ -7°

TUESDAY



Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow
▲ 2° ▼ -7°

WEDNESDAY



Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow
▲ 0° ▼ -10°

AROUND THE REGION: Cloudy and mild today with a chance of showers late in the day. Highs will be near 11. Cloudy tonight with a few more showers. Lows near 0. The scattered showers will continue tomorrow with highs near 11. The showers will continue on Saturday with rain and snow possible on Sunday.

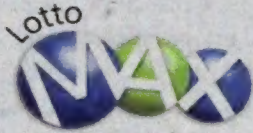
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Acapulco	31/20/su	33/21/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	29/24/ts	29/24/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	31/23/pc	29/21/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	26/21/cl	25/21/ts	31/28/sh
Barbados	32/27/su	31/26/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	31/23/ts	32/22/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	21/14/pc	20/14/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	30/19/pc	31/20/su	29/23/su
Cancun	34/21/pc	32/20/pc	32/26/pc	St Thomas	28/23/cl	29/23/pc	29/24/pc
Curacao	34/27/pc	33/26/pc	31/24/ts	St Maarten	29/24/ts	28/24/ts	29/24/pc
Freeport	23/18/ts	24/19/ts	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	32/23/ts	32/23/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/24/ts	32/25/pc	31/23/ts	San Juan	28/22/su	29/22/pc	31/23/su
Havana	28/20/cl	29/21/ts	34/24/su	San Salvador	36/19/su	36/20/su	32/22/su
Key West	24/19/ts	24/20/ts	26/19/sh	Santo Domingo	29/22/ts	31/21/pc	33/26/su
Kingston	29/24/ts	31/24/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	33/25/pc	33/24/pc	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

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Bancroft	11/0/cl	11/2/sh	8/0/sh	2/-5/sh	2/-7/sh	2/-7/mx	0/-10/mx
Barrie	12/1/cl	12/2/sh	9/1/sh	2/-4/sh	2/-6/sh	3/-7/mx	1/-9/mx
Dorset	11/0/cl	11/2/sh	8/-1/sh	2/-6/sh	1/-7/sh	2/-8/mx	0/-10/mx
Haliburton	11/0/cl	11/2/sh	8/0/sh	2/-5/sh	2/-7/sh	2/-7/mx	0/-10/mx
Huntsville	11/0/cl	11/2/sh	8/1/sh	2/-6/sh	1/-7/sh	2/-8/mx	0/-10/mx
Kingston	12/1/cl	13/3/sh	10/1/sh	3/-4/sh	3/-6/sh	3/-7/mx	2/-9/mx
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Ottawa	8/-2/cl	10/2/sh	6/0/sh	3/-7/sh	2/-7/sh	3/-7/sn	0/-10/cl
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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Calgary	8/-3/su	9/-1/pc	10/-7/cl	8/-8/cl	9/-6/cl	12/-3/sh	7/-6/mx
Edmonton	8/-3/pc	3/-4/cl	1/-11/sh	-1/-12/sh	-3/-14/sh	-4/-16/sn	-7/-18/sn
Fredericton	4/-5/pc	6/-4/pc	4/-3/sh	3/-3/sh	3/-3/sh	2/-3/mx	3/-4/pc
Halifax	4/-3/pc	5/-3/pc	4/-2/sh	4/-2/sh	4/-2/sh	4/-2/sh	6/-1/pc
Montreal	6/-3/cl	8/2/sh	5/0/sh	2/-4/sh	2/-7/sh	2/-7/sn	0/-9/cl
Regina	2/-8/su	3/-7/su	4/-7/cl	4/-8/cl	3/-8/sn	3/-7/sn	1/-9/sn
St. John's	1/-5/pc	1/-4/pc	1/-5/pc	1/-5/sh	0/-6/sh	1/-6/mx	0/-6/pc
Saskatoon	4/-7/su	2/-9/pc	1/-10/cl	1/-9/cl	1/-10/sn	-3/-13/sn	-4/-16/sn
Vancouver	9/6/ra	10/6/sh	11/6/sh	11/6/sh	12/6/sh	10/4/sh	10/4/cl
Whitehorse	-3/-8/sf	-6/-9/cl	-8/-12/sn	-7/-11/sn	-6/-11/sn	-7/-12/sn	-8/-14/sn
Winnipeg	1/-3/cl	2/-8/pc	6/-4/pc	3/-8/mx	0/-9/sn	-4/-13/sn	-4/-15/sn

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Sunday 3/7	7°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 3/6	9°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Friday 3/5	5°C	-8°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 3/4	2°C	-7°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 3/3	3°C	-6°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 3/2	2°C	-5°C	0.0 mm

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Fri.	6:32 a.m./6:16 p.m.	4:58 a.m./3:22 p.m.
Sat.	6:30 a.m./6:17 p.m.	5:20 a.m./4:25 p.m.
Sun.	7:28 a.m./7:19 p.m.	6:40 a.m./6:28 p.m.
Mon.	7:27 a.m./7:20 p.m.	6:59 a.m./7:31 p.m.
Tues.	7:25 a.m./7:21 p.m.	7:18 a.m./8:35 p.m.
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"I won't forget him at the next election, and I hope you won't either."

Question: Does MPP Rick Johnson represent us to the Ontario Government -- or is it his job to represent Mr. McGuinty and his minions -- and all their mistakes -- to us? Is he working hard to help keep the Haliburton Highlands together and connected to our natural neighbours to the south -- and also in his riding, by the way -- or is he just going through the motions and supporting the party line.

Is wanting to stay in the cabinet more important that saving our tourism business from being buried by Muskoka and Ottawa(!).

He has been quoted as saying: "When I spoke to the ministry they said to me that all the maps were done for now and ready to go. There's nothing to say we can't review it in a year or two to see if it's working." I guess their printing costs are more important than our tourism business!

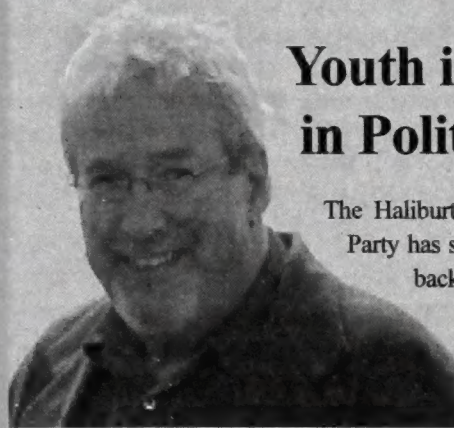
Great effort on our behalf. I won't forget him at the next election, and I hope you won't either.

Harvey Clarke
Donald Ont.

Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Youth is Served – in Politics and Play



The Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock Conservative Party has started what might be a long and winding road back to electoral success following their self-inflicted implosion in last year's by-election. As you'll recall, then MPP Laurie Scott resigned to make way for what was expected to be a coronation for her seat-less leader, John Tory. Well, the voters had other ideas and

handed the reins to Liberal Rick Johnston: thousands of Conservatives, furious at the attempt to parachute a Toronto candidate into the riding, simply sat on their hands while the Liberals romped to victory.

Since then Johnston has consolidated his support in the riding by his hard work, his willingness to listen, and his ability to work successfully with many disparate groups and interests. As one Conservative worker put it to me recently, "Johnston may well be the new John Eakins – nice guy, works hard, non-confrontational: it's easy to forget that the combination kept Eakins and his Liberals in the seat for 15 years."

Laurie Scott has already declared her candidacy to run against the Liberals in 2011: now a young Conservative from Lindsay has also thrown his hand into the ring. Twenty-eight year old Isaac Breadner is campaigning hard to win the nomination, expected to be held within the next few months. Breadner, 28, was born in Lindsay and spent his entire youth in the riding. His parents put him through the local French Immersion program, which he says he never fully appreciated until he ended up as a political apparatchik in Ottawa. His grandmother took him to his first Conservative nominating convention when he was just 14, and he immediately caught the political bug, big time. He earned a diploma in advertising and communications from Mohawk College in Hamilton, and then went on to graduate with an Honours BA in political science from Western.

From there, at age 24, the bilingual Breadner went to work in Ottawa for then Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice, and later became Prentice's Executive Assistant at the Industry and Environment ministries. At home he continued to work for local candidates in elections, including Laurie Scott. He calls himself a pragmatic Conservative, but he was a strong Canadian Alliance supporter, and voted for Tim Hudak, a Mike Harris favourite, in the last provincial leadership contest. We'll have more on Breadner's views in an upcoming issue, but his entry into the race will make for an interesting contest – and who knows, more candidates might emerge to challenge the somewhat tarnished Conservative crown.

Haliburton County's Youth Winning, Wherever you Look

This past week saw Haliburton's athletes excel on the ice, in the gym, and on the mat in truly impressive style. As reported in this week's issue, the High School's Hockey Red Hawks capped an amazing winning season with the Kawartha Cup and a birth in the OFSAA finals March 23rd. In Highland Storm OMHA action, both the Atom As and the Atom AEs made it to the All-Ontario finals in their CC divisions, a terrific achievement. Both teams start their series away, but will be back in Haliburton for weekend games on the 19th.

In Curling, Minden's Jake Walker jumped out to a 5 – 1 record in the World Championships in Flim, Switzerland, and should at least get to the playoffs (see page one). On the mat, Haliburton's own Kai Shin Karate kids were very impressive in a recent tournament in London ON. In other high school sports, our young athletes put up impressive numbers in wrestling, snowboarding and again curling. Congratulations to all the athletes, their tireless coaches, and their nail-biting parents for these significant achievements. □

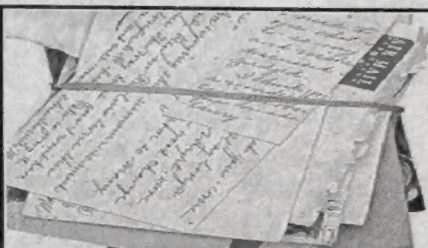


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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

"Democracy began at the local level and it still resides there."

How would you like to vote for the prime minister, the leader of the opposition and a local representative all at the same time? Do you realize that you have three votes in a municipal election? You put an 'X' beside a name for the reeve, another for the deputy reeve and a third for a local councillor. Now it might be a stretch to compare the first two to the prime minister and leader of the opposition but the point remains that you do indeed have three chances to elect a congenial representative in a municipal election in Dysart. Not only that but, those three are a significant proportion of the seven members of the municipal council.

The Dysart Municipal Council administers a budget of about \$12 Million. Of total taxation, we pay about eight percent for municipal government.

Now consider the Federal Government. This body will administer a budget of about \$280.5 Billion this year. We pay about 60 percent of our taxes to it and yet we get only one chance to put one clumsy 'X' to choose one person to represent us, all 89,000 of us in Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock.

Democracy began at the local level and it still resides there. We need to address the problem of democratic control at the Federal level certainly, and the Provincial level as well.

Jim Milne
West Guilford



Police Reports

Two Drivers Charged with Impaired

(Haliburton, ON.) - Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment charged two males with alcohol related Criminal Code driving offences this past weekend.

On Saturday March 6, 2010 just prior to 1:30am officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment were conducting a R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) check in Carnarvon in the Township of Minden Hills.

An officer stopped a vehicle at which time he had conversation with the driver of a pick up truck who subsequently failed a roadside screening device test. The driver was arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Ronald Skelton 47 years of Sharon, Ontario has been charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. Mr. Skelton will be appearing in Minden court on April 7th, 2010 in relation to the charges.

Later that morning at approximately 2:42am officers were called in regards to a traffic complaint near 12597 Highway #35 in the Township of Minden Hills. Officers attended the scene and had conversation with the driver of a pick up truck. The driver subsequently failed a roadside screening device test and was taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Christopher Porter 19 years of Dysart et al has been charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80 mgs contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. Mr. Porter will be appearing in Minden court on May 5, 2010 in relation to the charges. □

Search Warrant Executed

(Haliburton, ON.) - On March 3, 2010 members of the Ontario Provincial Police Central East Drug Enforcement Unit and the City of Kawartha Lakes O.P.P. detachment executed a drug search warrant at a residence in Wilberforce in Highlands East Township.

Mike Rice 39 years of Highlands East Township was arrested at the scene and has been charged with Production of a Controlled Substance, Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, Possession of a Controlled Substance X2 and Possession of the Proceeds of Crime.

Officers seized 115 marihuana plants, 5 pounds of Cannabis Marihuana bud, 25 pounds of marihuana shake and cash. Police estimate the value of the drugs at \$174,000.

Mr. Rice will be appearing in Minden court on April 7th, 2010 in relation to the charges. □

\$5,000 In Fines For Illegal Deer Hunting Activities

Two men have been fined a total of \$5,000 for illegally using another person's deer seal and transporting illegally killed wildlife.

Terry Cole of Cameron and George Palmer of Fenelon Falls pleaded guilty to charges under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and were each fined \$2,500.

Court heard that on Saturday, December 5, 2009, a conservation officer visited a property where two large, nine-point white-tailed deer were hanging from a tree. One deer had been shot by Cole on December 1, 2009, and the other had been shot by Palmer on December 3, 2009. Both deer were shot in Somerville Township in the City of Kawartha Lakes. Further investigation revealed that both deer had been tagged by individuals who weren't present or legally party hunting with Cole and Palmer when the deer were shot. Both deer were seized.

Justice of the Peace Jason Mariasine heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Lindsay, on February 26, 2010.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). □

\$3,000 Fine For Using A Void Licence

A Lindsay man has been fined for using a void licence to hunt deer and for transporting illegally killed wildlife.

Carl Baldwin pleaded guilty to charges under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and was fined \$2,000 for using a void licence and \$1,000 for transporting illegally killed wildlife.

Court heard that Ministry of Natural Resources records showed Baldwin purchased his first deer licence on July 2, 2009 and illegally purchased a second deer licence on November 3, 2009. A conservation officer investigated and found that, after shooting his first deer and using his original deer seal, Baldwin purchased a second deer licence and shot a second deer with a bow. A seven-point buck shot on December 6, 2009 was seized.

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Villeneuve beats the slush for second win

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being a fierce competitor, and a Canadian racing legend, it was obvious when he dismounted sled #96 that he was hurting. But "Uncle Jacques", as he is affectionately referred to on the circuit (uncle to 1997 F1 world champion Jacques Villeneuve Jr.) had won again; he is now 2 for 2 champion in the Haliburton high-speed event.

Despite the challenges that the temperature wreaked on the track Saturday, racers said they liked it. Return sledders Garry Green of Arnprior and Ted Kamstra of Pontypool preferred this track to the 2008 Haliburton oval. Newcomer to the Highland Cup Adam Sack of Petawawa who was running the high-speed pro-champ classes also praised the venue.

By Sunday, conditions had deteriorated to a point that the organizers were forced to cancel the day's racing, as water on the track had become a safety concern. It seems nobody can defeat Mother Nature, but she allowed the organizers and racers at the Highland Cup to eke out one last day of winter, at least for this week.

Complete Highland Cup results are posted at:

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Council on the Hook for almost \$800,000

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determine if the Middletons were entitled to compensation for injurious affection and disturbance to their cottage property on the other side of Barry Line.

The Township asserted that further severances beyond the existing four building lots on the 100 acres would not be permitted under current policy, and also that the situation did not warrant an award for injurious affection.

(It is interesting to note that while Council's statement indicates that someone was paid to argue in front of the Ontario Municipal Board that it wouldn't allow the property to be divided up, their Business Vision details plans to subdivide a slightly smaller parcel right next door to the Middleton parcel into at least ten residential airport lots. The same document suggests that 30 or 40 lots would have a 'substantive positive impact on business'.)

As part of the pre-hearing mediation process, various experts and professionals were required by each side to assert their respective claims in an attempt to narrow the issues, and discuss the possibility for settlement. The Expropriations Act provides for the OMB to award payment of a claimant's legal, professional and consulting fees, and accordingly the issue of costs is also a critical factor in any settlement discussion. During the mediation process, it became apparent that the cost of proceeding forward to a full hearing, even if successful, would have been far greater than to reach a negotiated settlement, particularly given the Middletons' right to claim for their costs of the proceedings from the Township.

After weighing all of its options, the Township chose to settle.

The Township appreciates the ongoing concern expressed by taxpayers with the pursuit of this long and trying process. Upon the advice of the Township's legal counsel, details of the process itself may not be disclosed however, Council knows and believes that the public has the right to know the ultimate result."

The total amount of the settlement represents a further \$200,000 for the 100 acre parcel, \$150,000 for injurious affection and disturbance damages, \$53,334.25 for outstanding interest on these two amounts and finally a resounding \$362,495.75 for professional fees including lawyers, planners, appraisers and other professionals. In addition a further amount, not to exceed \$5,000, will be paid at a later date to cover outstanding legal fees incurred by the Middleton's legal counsel from the date of the agreement to its completion and closure.

But that's not all. Over and above the monies settled on the Middleton family, the municipality has incurred \$85,000 for their own legal fees and disbursements and an additional \$27,033.50 for professional advice from their planners, appraisers and other professionals.

The statement issued further states, "Although the Township is extremely disappointed with the outcome of this process and had hoped for a more cost effective result, the closure of this dispute means the lands are now owned by the Township and protected for the future."

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who was out of the country when the final decision was actually made, said she was shocked at the settlement amount. Harrison returned for Council's meeting on March 4th when it ratified the decision made on Friday, February 26th during one of a series of closed sessions on the matter.

Harrison was reluctant to speak outside of the realm of the Council's official statement, but in response to questions about the impact on the 2010 budget she said, "When the first budget meeting took place, we were unaware of the magnitude of this expense." Harrison confirmed that the initial \$50,000 in the budget for an annual payment to cover off the airport development project would remain in place, but considerable discussion would be required before a decision was made on managing the settlement.

"We aren't in a position to take that much money out of our reserves in one fell swoop, so the settlement will have to be dealt with through some form of long term debt, either through debenture borrowing or a line of credit."

When asked how the settlement agreement will impact further easement negotiations required for airport expansion, Harrison said it wouldn't be appropriate to speculate about that at this time, particularly as the future of the project as a whole seems to hang in the balance.

Harrison did voice considerable frustration and disappointment in the fact that there is a distinct lack of communication between the municipality and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. She said, "If the CEAA could give us any kind of answer we would be in a much better position to decide how to move forward. Even if the answer was a resounding 'no' it would be better than no answer at all. If faced with the possibility that further studies are required or even that the expansion project may not proceed, the Council could consider the wisdom of asking whether we could use some of those funds for further rehabilitation of existing infrastructure."

Despite efforts to work with MP Barry Devolin to get some answers or clarification from the federal government, Harrison even said, "It definitely appears that there may be some stalling tactics being used on someone's part, making the situation more and more frustrating. Ward Councillor Carol Moffatt agreed and said that the government may be reacting to the amount of negative reaction the project has generated.

Despite what the CEAA reports suggest, the federal government is unlikely to offer any opportunity to extend the deadline for completing the project. Given the recent budget announcement, the federal government appears to have little stomach for extending stimulus or infrastructure spending beyond 2011.

Harrison finally said, "At this point, although it has come at an extraordinary cost, we have secured the future of the airport."

Speculation about whether or not the airport expansion project will actually take place during the life of this Council runs rampant. Even Harrison, who has been the strongest proponent of airport development, admits that the project could be on shaky ground.

When Moffatt was asked if she thought the airport expansion would move forward, she said, "There are many days ahead, but no, in my opinion the project is dead in the water. It's March, we have no idea where the environmental assessment is, we can't do any work between April and July because of bird nesting and the election is in October, so the timeline is not conducive to a project of this magnitude." Moffatt said it would be left to the new Council to govern the next step.

Moffatt also said, "When it comes to the airport, I believe the key is to take a hard look at what the Council has learned and find a new approach for doing business. We need to find a way to collectively move forward as a community and for the growth of the municipality; I see that as a good thing."

Speaking on behalf of the Middleton family as a whole, Bill Middleton had a number of comments to make after having to remain silent for so long. First and foremost he said, "It has been a very tough three years and we are so relieved that it is over. But we're also still a bit angry and even bitter over what has happened, not only to us, but as a result to our fellow property owners and taxpayers."

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Tax payers take a bath...

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Middleton said that his family was very taken aback at Council's sudden decision to settle, as it seemed to mean that the Council members had finally come to their senses.

The expropriated property was a place for all of the family to play, learn to drive and enjoy the natural landscape for generations. Middleton said, "Family members even got proposed to out there in the moonlight."

He said that initially the family just wanted the property back, but by the time the Council forced the settlement, it couldn't happen as they had paid capital gains on the first (\$200,000) payment and the government had part of the value.

According to Middleton, he and his family spent hundreds of hours trying to prove that the expropriated land truly enhanced the value of their remaining cottage property. He said that early in 2007 the township purchased 84 acres of unsalable, landlocked land to the east of their parcel for a total of \$275,000 a price that was 63 percent more per acre than what they were offered for prime residential land on two major roads.

In an effort to substantiate their belief that their land was worth more, the family suggested to Algonquin Highlands that they hire a local realtor to produce letters of opinion rather than hiring a more expensive appraiser and Middleton said that the township agreed. However, when a well known senior broker provided an opinion that the land had a value of \$543,000, he said the opinion was rejected by the township as not coming from a qualified appraiser. So the family hired an appraiser who ultimately valued the land almost the same at \$530,000.

Middleton said, "If the municipality had agreed with the realtor's valuation of \$543,000 in April of 2008, the family would have settled. At that time our costs were less than \$15,000 and the saving to the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands would have been almost \$500,000."

The total appraised value of the expropriated land and injurious affection equalled \$816,000. However the family agreed to an overall reduction of 33 percent and the settlement was made for \$550,000 on March 5th. Including costs incurred for professional advice for both the Middleton family and the municipality and interest totals \$1,077,863, which is more than the estimated cost to fully rehabilitate the existing airport.

During the process, the family was also forced to hire a qualified land use consultant and planner who unequivocally refuted the municipality's claim that the land couldn't be severed for residential lots and a hydro-geological engineer to respond to statements by the municipality that earlier Health Department approvals for septic systems and water were insufficient. In addition an acoustical engineer was required to prove that expanded airport operations would have a significant negative effect on their remaining 4.5 acres of lakeshore property. Middleton said that at one point the municipality actually claimed that there would be less noise with the expansion.

Faced with these expenses, Middleton, who is a 74 year old retiree, found that he had to mortgage his family home to pay these additional costs. "We knew that under the Expropriations Act we would get some of our costs back, but not what percentage and it could have been a year or more before we recovered our costs," he said.

"Our families were suffering and the prospect of going through another six months or more was unbearable. The worst part was that the horrendous amounts of money would ultimately have to be paid by the taxpayers. To increase the costs further became very hard to justify."

"People don't realize that from the beginning the Council has ignored the opinions and advice of the citizens who elected them," he said, adding that his family, along with the majority of local property owners, has insisted throughout the long drawn out process that the project wouldn't work, not then, not now and not in the future.

"Their dreams and ideas were unrealistic and wrong. What we all need are essential things like safe drinking water, good roads, sewage disposal and waste management; things that the general public can benefit from."

Middleton said that at no time did the municipality actually make an offer. His family was asked to come up with their bottom line which the municipality finally accepted and he gave them full marks for that. But he said, "Much of the cost for professional advice was due to their unwillingness to accept our information. There was no earthly reason for them to incur so much additional cost."

Middleton referred to a comment made by Muirhead in the County Voice in January when he said, "It's quite possible that this Council could succeed in chaining Algonquin Highlands to an elephant and be far from their chambers before the feed bills start to arrive."

Middleton concluded his comments by saying, "Like it or not, they're going to have to explain some of the feed bills now!"

Paul MacInnes, President of the Maple, Beech & Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association said, "This tragedy just keeps getting worse and worse. In this chapter Algonquin Highlands mismanaged a land acquisition and the taxpayers ended up paying an unnecessary half million dollars in legal and consulting fees. All this for a project that is not needed, not justified and not wanted by the people who will pay for it."

While the settlement closes Ontario Municipal Board File No. L090003, it likely opens a number of other doors, but those will be the subject of future articles. □

Dear Editor:

Projects Gone Wild

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Premier to Assist in Tourism Debacle

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

While Haliburton County tourism stakeholders try to keep a lid on their frustration and their hopes that the recent letter writing blitz might cause the Minister of Tourism to rethink his plan to realign the County, switching away from our traditional tourism partners to the south, one very key player has agreed to step in and work on Haliburton's behalf. And in Ontario, few players carry more weight than Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Last week the Premier happened to call MPP Rick Johnson to congratulate him on successfully completing his first year in office. Johnson told the Voice that during their conversation the Premier asked if there were any issues he'd like to discuss. Never was there a more opportune time for a question like that.

Johnson proceeded to tell McGuinty about the concerns are rife in the County over the recent division of Ontario into 13 tourism regions, effectively splitting Haliburton County in two and aligning it with the Ottawa Valley and Muskoka rather than Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Northumberland.

Johnson agreed that over the last several weeks there had been a lot of confusion which he suggested may have been further complicated by the fact that there was a Ministerial change within the Ministry over Christmas. "As people are staffing up it can be hard to get answers, but things should have stabilized over the last few days."

He referred to a document sent to him by Mitchell Wilkie, the Manager of Tourism for the Ottawa Valley Tourism Association that suggested there was support from within Haliburton to join their association. Johnson said, "When I went to the Ministry to complain about the placement, much to my surprise they produced the letter stating that there are five tourism destination marketing organizations included in the proposal by the Ottawa Valley and the County was included as one of the five."

According to Johnson, the letter included a draft map for a geographic area proposed to be called the Algonquin East Ottawa Valley Tourism Organization. (A number of names have been suggested including Ottawa Valley, Algonquin East and Ottawa Valley-Algonquin Region to serve as an identifier for the large portion of Eastern Ontario.)

"To me the letter indicated that there was common ground and Haliburton wanted to be included," Johnson said.

Since that time, Johnson had discovered that County representatives had not been in attendance at a crucial meeting in October where the parties agreed to send a joint submission to the Michael Kurtz, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Tourism.

Johnson said, "I have gone to the top on this one. I have spoken with the Minister and, as of last Friday, with the Premier and he is looking into it." He also said that he had spoken with the Premier's office again, but was unsure exactly how far along they have taken the matter.

Johnson did have some residual concerns however. He said, "My fear is that the Ministry may already have printed maps detailing the regions." When asked if he thought there was any way to hold the presses, Johnson said that was one reason that he had spoken with the Premier.

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"I have gone to the top on this one."
(MPP Rick Johnson) ... from pg 7

He said he was also very concerned about the fact that Algonquin Highlands had been broken away from the rest of the County. "That will be problematic for the region. There has already been an excellent job done on branding the Haliburton Highlands."

Johnson wouldn't comment on the apparent lack of flexibility on the Minister's part in refusing to reconsider Haliburton's alignment(s). He simply said, "We stepped up immediately when we found out about the confusion and sent a letter off to Minister Chan."

Johnson said that he would continue to work with both the County and the Premier himself to see what he can do for Haliburton.

Meanwhile, Economic Development and Tourism Director Bob Smith is in damage control mode, stating categorically that absolutely no signed documents had been sent out by his department authorizing the Ottawa Valley Tourism Association to include Haliburton in their Region. "No member of staff has the authority to bind the County to a tourism district." Warden Dave Burton confirmed Smith's position.

Smith said that throughout the negotiation process he and Tourism Coordinator Amy Brohm had been sitting at a number of different tables to keep abreast of the best alignment for Haliburton. He acknowledged that they had been invited to the meeting in October, but neither he nor Brohm were available to attend. Unfortunately it was out of that meeting that the presentation from the OVTA went to the Minister.

Referring to the suggestion that has appeared in several recent reports that signed documents supporting the alignment between Haliburton and the Ottawa Valley existed, Smith said, "It's all sorted out and this has been much ado about nothing." Easy to say, but possibly not the position of some tourism operators.

Smith confirmed that he and many of the tourism stakeholders remain uncertain about the best alignment and what the benefits will be.

When asked about the success of the letter writing campaign, Smith said, "I have copies of over 45 letters that went to the Minister." He said that many of the letters had been exceedingly well done, covering off all of the essential elements of tourism concerns in the county.

Smith said, "One of the things that is absolutely key is that it must be recognized that unto itself, without a signature draw of some kind, the County is simply not big enough to be a tourism sector of our own and we're not the only ones in that situation, as Kawartha Lakes are in the same position."

It is possible that by sitting in on negotiations at so many different tables, the County was in fact, sending mixed messages that actually nurtured the confusion. Stakeholders can only keep their fingers crossed that the involvement of the Premier will be a positive influence for change. □

Livingstone Lake Cottagers Lose Access to Water Access Only Property

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"We're like the meat in a sandwich between the township and the Ministry." (Claude Derocher)

During the Algonquin Highlands Council meeting earlier this month it was apparent that there can be real challenges and even pitfalls for people living or cottaging on water access only properties. Claude Derocher and Karen Hammond built their home on the southeast corner of Livingstone Lake in 1999 and they have never had any problem accessing their WAO property; that is until now.

Derocher and Hammond along with three other families, some who have cottaged on the lake for 40 years or more, have historically parked their vehicles and boat trailers and accessed the water from Anne Kopy's property on the north shore in exchange for an annual fee.

Kopy died late last year and her executor has advised residents on the lake categorically that the property will be sold and, as of April, they will no longer have access to boating facilities. Notification has only been given by e-mail at this point, but Derocher, representing all four families said it was only a matter of time before official notification will be forthcoming.

Derocher said, "We're seeking permission from Council for reasonable access to our home, for a place to park our car and dock our boat by way of a footpath." He proposed developing a parking area that would accommodate eight vehicles, cutting a footpath off Laurel Road (a Crown access road) and building a dock on the shore just west of Kopy's property or in a location designated by Council. Derocher confirmed that no private property was involved.

Derocher referred Council to photos and sketches detailing an area that would cause minimal disturbance but provide a certain level of protection against possible theft or vandalism that might occur if parking was established immediately along County Road 12.

Derocher said that at the present time, while there is public access, there is no good boat access on the lake which will cause problems in the future for anyone on the lake requiring septic pump out; something that until now has been achieved by the barge using Kopy's ramp.

Council questioned the method of notification by Kopy's estate. Derocher confirmed they had received verbal confirmation that the family had no interest in continuing operations on the property, but admitted that nothing had been received in writing. Derocher said the odds of someone purchasing the property as a commercial venture were slim.

Councillor Don Shortreed commented that some of the properties on the lake were under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Natural Resources. "There have been some concerns about overuse of that parcel of land." Shortreed inquired whether Derocher had talked with MNR.

Derocher said he had spoken with an MNR official who would not deal with the matter until Council had given their approval to proceed due to the fact that the township owns the shore allowance. "We're like the meat in a sandwich between the

township and the Ministry," he said and, getting directly to the point, asked, "Can you help us to secure reasonable access to our property?"

Derocher said the footpath and docking were crucial and parking was of secondary importance. He said that according to MNR, if the Council gives its approval, MNR will do an internal consultation, but if a floating dock is installed there will be no major problems.

Council asked for comments from Property Manager Brian Whetstone, who confirmed that developing a parking space and creating an access to the lake as Derocher proposed would be relatively easy.

Councillor Diane Griffin said that the timing of the couple's request was of great concern. "With no actual letter from the estate we must be very careful about making a decision," she said.

Councillor Carol Moffatt commented that Council has held a number of discussions about having to clear up various lake access points of private docks and garbage. She also said, "I am a strong believer that if you buy a boat access property it is your problem, not ours. If you put a dock out there, it will be your dock, but on our space and eventually others will want to use it as well. That will create an ongoing problem for all of us. By helping you we could be solving one problem while creating another."

Derocher agreed, but suggested that if the footpath was developed off the main thoroughfare he didn't believe any conflict would arise. "There's no reason for anyone to use the area other than us."

Whetstone also suggested that it could be premature for Council to do anything until they received written confirmation that access to the water had been lost. "Right now you still have access. You're unsure when the property will be sold and if it is sold, the same conditions may apply. Even a private owner may wish to make some revenue out of this situation."

CAO Juanita Dempster passed on a recommendation by Clerk Angie Bird, as the person responsible for planning matters within the municipality. According to Dempster, Bird felt that without something in writing, it would be premature for Council to make a decision.

Further discussion ensued about the logistics of Derocher and Hammond's request and the need to involve the Ministry in the process. The fact that there have been issues in the past with overnight camping in the area was a concern to several members of Council but Hammond confirmed that since the signs restricting camping had been put up there had been no further problems.

Moffatt suggested that the situation could become a slippery slope for other similar requests and Dempster confirmed that Bird had also raised a concern about the precedent that approving the request might cause. Dempster said, "This matter should be held in abeyance until something is received in writing."

Meanwhile, Whetstone suggested that the couple start the required land use permitting process with MNR to 'try to get ahead of the game.'

Acknowledging the concerns raised by staff and Council and the fact that this could set a precedent, Council resolved to give the request due consideration once confirmation that the Kopy property would no longer be available for use was received. □

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Did you know it was International Women's Day on Monday of this week? Do you think we should celebrate it every year or should we celebrate women every day? Kathryn Bigelow; was the first woman in the history of the 82 years of the Academy Awards to win Best Directing on Sunday. What do you think about this?

Susan Norcross, Haliburton

I did know about international women's day and in the past I have done things to commemorate the day. Women deserve the recognition and the day is also a way for women to know there are other women in the world who are in the same position. It was definitely time for a woman to win the Oscar for Best Directing after all these years.

Kendra Boice, West Guilford

I didn't know about International Women's Day but it's great to have a day of recognition. Most women seem to speak out about issues regularly still too. I think it's great that a woman won best director at the Oscars. Years ago we didn't even have a women's hockey team, we've come a long way.

Jane Heyes, Haliburton

I did know about women's day on Monday. I appreciate what the women's movement has done so far but we're still early in the movement so we should definitely still recognise the day each year and what we still have to do. We should especially make a point about women in third world countries as they have even further to go. It was a good sign that we won the Oscar on Sunday night.

Ann Smith, Haliburton

Yes I did know about the day, it's good to have it to recognise women's contributions to society in general. Women should celebrate themselves everyday. It was about time a woman won for best directing. I'm not sure how many women directors there are out there though.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



A Hotter South

Global warming continues unabated south of the equator despite a bitter Northern Hemisphere winter that has provided a jolting reminder of what winters of yesteryear were once like, according to climate scientists. Neville Nicholls of Melbourne's Monash University told an online climate science media briefing that initial satellite data indicate "January was the hottest we've ever seen." He also told the briefing that last November was similarly the hottest on record, while November-January was the hottest three months for that time of year "the world has seen." In early February, the worst heat wave in 50 years across southern Brazil and Paraguay killed more than 60 people and turned Rio's pre-Carnival environment into a blast furnace. As for the ongoing northern chill, Britain's Met Office announced that while this is one of the coldest winters in 30 years, such deep freezes could become increasingly rare because of the overall warming trend.

Bison Return

Buffalo could once again be roaming wild across the open plains and prairies of North America under plans being prepared by dozens of scientists. Tens of millions of bison grazed the region before being nearly exterminated by hunters between 1840 and 1880. Only about 31,000 of the animals now roam free from northern Mexico northward into Canada. Cormack Gates of the University of Calgary, editor of the new conservation guidelines established by the scientists, says, "Bison do things in the wild that cattle can't do in grazing systems." He points to depressions they make by wallowing on the ground that become habitats for other species. The bison were once part of the food chain and served as prey for wolves and other predators.

New Iceberg

A collision between a massive iceberg and the mouth of an Antarctic glacier broke away another huge chunk of ice the size of a small country. Australian Antarctic Division glaciologist Neal Young says satellite images show the new iceberg broke off the Mertz Tongue Glacier in mid-February. The unnamed chunk is about the size of Luxembourg or Hong Kong, and could possibly impact ocean currents that control the weather, French oceanographers cautioned. The Laboratory for Geophysics and Oceanographic Space Research in Toulouse said that while the impact would not be felt for decades or longer, a decrease in the production of colder, dense water around the two icebergs could eventually result in less temperate winters in the North Atlantic.

Earthquakes

Approximately 800 people in Chile perished in one of the world's most powerful earthquakes and subsequent tsunami.

- A sharp quake and four aftershocks jolted much of Taiwan, with the strongest causing at least 12 injuries.

- Earth movements were also felt in Japan's Okinawa Island, the northern and southern Philippines, southern New Zealand, Indonesia's Sulawesi Island, Oklahoma and over a wide area of eastern Afghanistan and neighboring northern Pakistan.

Costa Rican Rumbles

Residents in communities surrounding Costa Rica's Irazú volcano briefly panicked as the mountain produced a series of nine tremors over a 30-minute period. The panic was in some way sparked by fresh video images of the earthquake and tsunami disaster to the south in Chile.

El Niño Omen

Onsets of the El Niño ocean-warming phenomenon can be predicted up to 14 months ahead of time, according to a team of French and Japanese researchers. Writing in the journal *Nature Geoscience*, lead researcher Takeshi Izumo said the development could help prevent agricultural losses and allow other industries to prepare for the effects of El Niño's weather disruptions. Izumo and his colleagues uncovered clues that a phenomenon equivalent to an El Niño in the Indian Ocean, discovered in 1999, has a role in causing its more famous Pacific counterpart. The researchers say that by monitoring the Indian Ocean Dipole, it is now possible to provide El Niño outlooks several months earlier than through current forecasting methods.

Curious Bait

Scientists in Australia plan to use a cat's notorious curiosity to lure some of the country's millions of feral felines into traps in an effort to protect native species. Steven Lapidge of the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Center says the trap is basically "a tunnel that emits a phonic of a sound and bright features that attract cats to it." He said once inside, the cats have no option but to walk through a tunnel, which houses a sensor that detects the shape of the animal. "If it's a cat, then it will deliver a short spray onto its belly of a toxic substance that puts them to sleep," Lapidge says. The feral cats are descendants of escaped pets. They kill native birds, mammals, reptiles and insects, according to the Australian government.

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Maple Syrup Season Returns

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

A new beauty product is burgeoning in the distant lands of Hollywood and La La Land. Aside from the Botox injections and chemical peels, maple syrup facials are steadfastly becoming a hit amongst those craving a youthful look.

Tom Dawson, co-owner of Wintergreen Maple products in Minden says "Maple syrup has become much more than a product that you drizzle on pancakes. Women have been using it recently as a facial treatment. Apparently there has been an influx of people in Germany using maple syrup to fast in a bid to lose weight." So would Tom use his own sugary syrup to fend off impending wrinkles? "Sure, I'd be all over it if people were convinced it worked!" laughs the man who has been dealing with the product for the past 20 years.

The big brown pancake barn with the red roof is hard to miss. Situated on County Road 1 south of South Lake Road, it has been there since the late 1800s in some form or another. Restored by Tom and his wife Diane they call it "their hobby that got out of control." They have 1,000 maple trees and for every 40 litres of the transparent sap just one litre is turned into the syrup. Tom adds, "We tell the children that this is the only place in the world where candy grows on trees. We tell the adults that money does really grow on trees!"

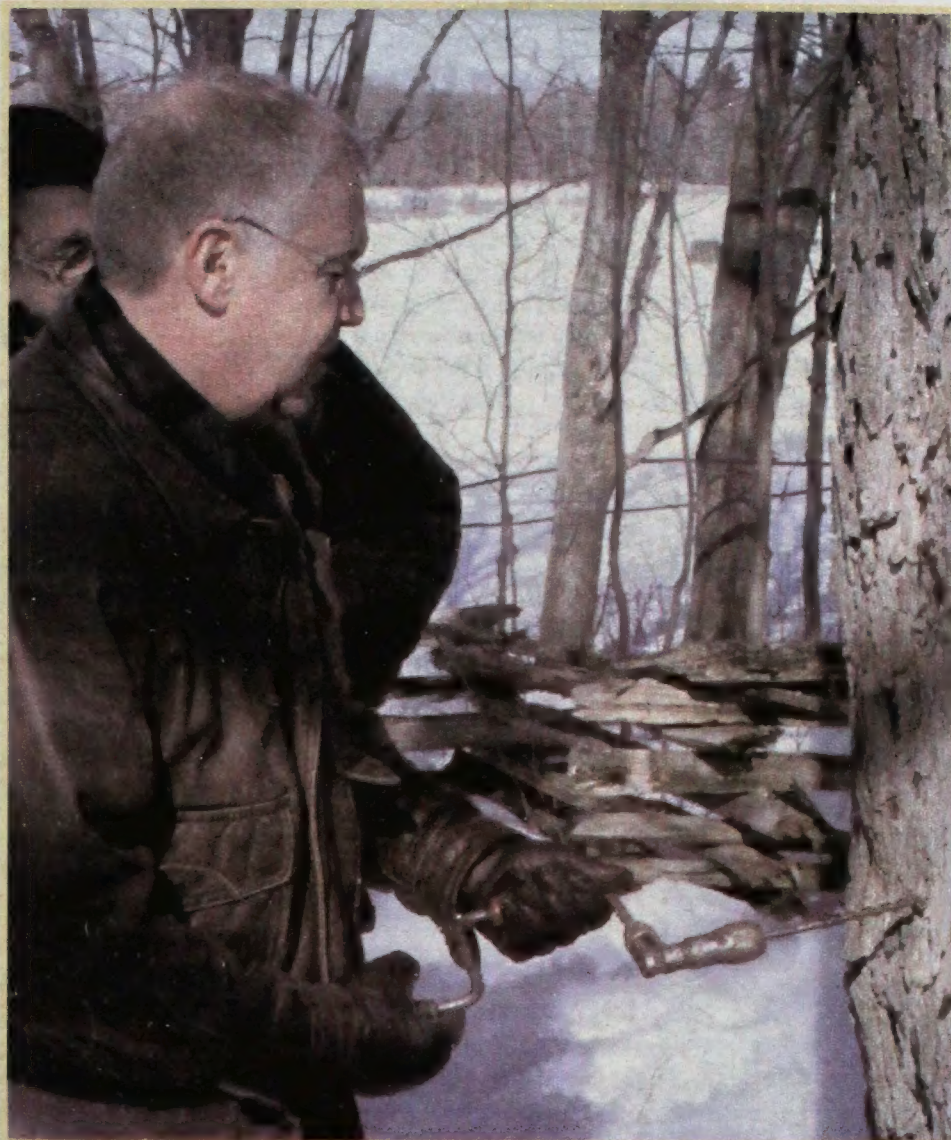
Last Saturday the doors opened for another maple syrup season. Guests dined at the barn and children and their families were treated to tales outside the Sugar Shack. Youngsters sampled Taffy-on-Snow; hot maple syrup which is poured onto snow to create one of nature's most tasty soft candies.

The maple syrup season runs for the months of March and April when every weekend the barn is open from 9am to 4pm where you can try their fluffy pancakes drizzled with their homemade maple syrup. The Taffy-on-Snow sampling runs at 2pm on both days. They also have fruit socials in the summer months on weekends where each month is a new seasonal fruit, from raspberries to peaches to blueberries.

Other than maple syrup the Dawson's sell a wealth of syrups, jams, jellies, mustards, relishes and BBQ sauces. Concoctions such as bubblegum fruit syrup or flaming peach BBQ sauce adorn the shelves at the pancake barn. They also host BBQ catering where they use cherry and maple wood for fuel and they'll cook up a whole hog for your party.

Although maple syrup will always be a Canadian favourite to lather on pancakes maybe in the future Tom will be selling his own version of a maple syrup face treatment, we'll just have to wait and see.

You can reach the Dawson's at 286-3202. □



MPP Rick Johnson celebrates the opening of maple syrup season.

Haliburton Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Hold First Tapping at Norland Farm

Saturday's ceremonial first tapping held at the Rainbow Woods farm of Paul and Eleanor Reed west of Norland. The annual event, sponsored by the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association, and drew syrup producers from throughout the region. It's a traditional start to the season for the HKMSPA, which has members in Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Haliburton counties and Durham Region.



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International Women's Day Celebrated in Haliburton.



Beth Johns and Claire Sylvan sing at the event held at Zion United Church in Camarvon.

International Women's Day was held around the world on Monday this week to recognize the challenges and injustices women have overcome in the past and the obstacles they still face.

Women's Day was first celebrated in 1909 in the United States and two years later the first International Women's Day was created. German socialist, Clara Zetkin, envisioned the idea that every year, in every country, there should be a celebration on the same day to press for changes. Over one million people came together that year in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland to mark the event.

The Government of Canada's theme for International Women's Day 2010 is Strong Women, Strong Canada, Strong World. Written on the Status of Women's Government page it states, "This theme reflects the government's action to encourage more women and girls to participate in leadership roles, thereby helping them thrive, reach their full potential, fulfill their dreams and build a more prosperous Canada. For Canadians, equality means women and men sharing in the responsibilities and obligations, as well as in the opportunities and rewards, of life and work."

Although women across the world have made huge strides the fight for equality still remains. Feminism has been the primary factor in helping women reach specific goals however the word and what it represents still has startling connotations held from it. Feminism is often wrongly represented with images of men lynching gone-mad-women. Moreover feminism gives women a much needed voice in our patriarchal world.

At an event last week, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-

moon said "equality for women and girls is also an economic and social imperative. Until women and girls are liberated from poverty and injustice, all our goals; peace, security, sustainable development, stand in jeopardy."

Canadian women may outnumber their counterparts in terms of educational attainment at secondary and university level but they still face a glass ceiling in the labour market and higher tertiary level. Canada has a relatively high participation rate of women in the labour market and there are increasingly more women employed full-time but this has not translated in equality in pay.

On March 8th the Canadian Labour Congress launched a women's economic equality campaign, "Equality! Once and For All!" A year long campaign which will use "every opportunity to raise awareness about the lack of attention paid by politicians, employers and the media to the growing economic inequality of women, through the use of creative and innovative tactics. The campaign will focus on important solutions such as creating an accessible, affordable, public child care system, minimum wage reform, pay equity and more."

In general work traditionally or predominantly done by women is paid less than work traditionally or predominantly done by men regardless of the value of the work to the employer or the consumer. The more heavily women are concentrated in a job; the less it pays.

Twenty years after Ontario's Pay Equity Act came into force, comparing average yearly full time salaries, women now earn 71 per cent of what men earn.

It isn't just discrimination in the work force that is apparent, after 82 years of the Academy Awards, after 400 nominations, after just four women nominated for Best Director, a woman was finally awarded the Best Director Oscar for the Hurt Locker directed by Kathryn Bigelow.

While it is easy to concentrate on the negatives it is much more encouraging to focus on the solutions to discrimination that women face worldwide. Although International Women's Day is a day to recognize women's achievements and their oppressions, it should be something that is recognized every single day.

Your action doesn't have to start on a national level, it can be heralded at a local level to gain momentum. Women for countless years have been the ones who have provided the solutions to the problems and will do for many years to come.

Around the world on Monday, women held events to celebrate and to recognize International Women's Day.

In Haliburton County, women from the Haliburton Outloud Womyn's Voices Choir held their own event at Zion United Church in Camarvon. The event proved that you don't need a glitzy occasion to move people.

They held a potluck dinner and afterwards speeches, poems and songs were heard celebrating the lives of women.

Claire Sylvan, a founding member of the choir noted, "We didn't have to display posters about the event tonight, it was all through word of mouth which really highlights how we have evolved." She spoke of issues such as gender inequality and when poverty strikes communities women and children are the first to suffer. She mentioned the need to honour the strengths of women and to move away from stereotypes. She added, "Over the years women have got the vote, become persons in their own right but attitudes about women still have to be changed. Thoughts have power and they are the backbone to winning change, if women think of themselves as powerful human beings then they can continue to make changes."

Other members read inspiring poems and sang songs. They noted which women were inspirational to them, calling out names of mothers, sisters, daughters, granddaughters and others who had made a mark on their lives.

Beth Johns, another founding member of the choir said that International Women's Day is, "A time to celebrate the lives of women that have gone before us and those who are still with us. It's a time to increase awareness of women's issues around the world. There are many women in Haliburton who live in poverty, who have transportation concerns, whose children go to school hungry and many of them feel disempowered."

For Beth she said change for women comes when "people's attitudes to women change, people need to recognize the reality for women and what they mean and contribute to society. If women keep working for justice it's another way to progress."

The event showed that you don't have to watch grandiose speeches on the television or surf the Internet to read stories about women. Instead you can find it in communities close to you, in your next door neighbour and the woman who sits beside you.

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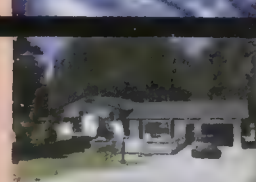


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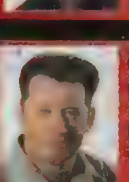


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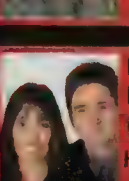


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"Coyotes and wolves are very adaptable"

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According to Moraal the number of predators is influenced by the food and the type of food affects reproduction, survival, dispersal and the size of the home range they use. "If there's lots of food they will remain in a small area but they can range from a few square kilometres to hundreds of square kilometres."

"These animals are very opportunistic and will prey on a number of things. They are omnivorous; their main foot is meat and protein but they will feed on anything depending on what is available. They live on a feast and fasting cycle. You will often see three or four dead deer and then they will go for weeks on end without taking anything down." But coyotes and wolves can also be helpful as they control other problem animals like rodents and geese.

Moraal said that coyotes and wolves are very adaptable as evidenced by distinct breeding pairs of coyotes living in downtown Toronto, an area where there is an abundance of geese. According to Moraal the coyotes in Toronto have adapted their behaviour to city living. They sleep during the day and hunt at night, using derelict land and old factories as their habitat. He said, "Fourteen coyotes were collared in downtown Toronto and used the railroad tracks to travel. One pair was tracked to Lake Simcoe from Toronto and another to Grimsby."

"Wolves prey on livestock which creates a very complex problem. Most of the damage is done by juvenile coyotes that are dispersing from the pack. Even though their primary source of food are natural foods like rabbits and rodents, sheep are easy prey and some coyotes get used to feeding on livestock. You have to get rid of those to solve the problem."

Moraal said that the Ministry generally tries to educate farmers to either bed their animals in barns or get guard dogs rather than trying to control the situation themselves. He also said that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs get involved by evaluating kills and, based on their observations, make recommendations for compensation.

According to Moraal most historic control measures have been illegal since 1972, but some municipalities do pay to have coyotes killed. "That's not considered a bounty, but rather paying to have particularly difficult problem dealt with. There are no legal bounties in Ontario today."

"There is all kinds of evidence to show that there has been no success in trying to eradicate coyotes. It would only be shooting the young that have dispersed while the breeding pair is always replaced."

In response to a question from Reeve Murray Fearrey, Moraal confirmed that wolves normally live from seven to eight years under most circumstances and there are always breeding pairs in evidence.

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis inquired about the bounty that had been established in Prince Edward County. Moraal said, "That is the municipality's prerogative, but it is rarely successful." He reiterated that it was not really a bounty. "It's dealing with specific problems."

Higgins confirmed that the Fish & Wildlife Act prohibits hunting for hire or making money from sport hunting, but also said that the Ministry, after evaluating the situation, could authorize the municipality to compensate trained individuals to shoot problem wolves. Higgins also confirmed that no more than two coyote licences in any given area would be issued.

Sensing that the Council was seeking a solution, Moraal said, "This is not something that local officers can deal with. It is a policy decision much higher up the ladder, but the municipality can petition the government to remove the bans or raise the bag limits. Wherever there is legislation there is an opportunity to change it, but there must be good science behind the decision."

He did admit that selective culling or trapping by trained trappers can be successful once promoted by the Municipality to deal with problem animals but cautioned that if someone doesn't know what they're doing, the animals quickly become more educated and harder to trap. "Timing is the key," he said.

Moraal confirmed that when protecting personal property, an individual can capture, kill or harass a coyote or wolf. "If you think a coyote is in your field with your sheep it is within your right to shoot it." But he was quick to add that this was not blanket permission to kill. "If a wolf is just crossing your property that's no reason to shoot. They're not inherently bad or good; they're just trying to survive like everyone else and they are here to stay."

"They key is to learn all you can about them, discourage them from developed areas and attempt to control or manage them only when absolutely necessary."



Moraal said that feeding deer in back yards tends to attract the wolves. He spoke of a large deer yard in Hindon Township where there had been hundreds of deer and now there are none. "They're all along the Highway 35 corridor and in backyards around Kushog and Boshkong. The deer are one of the wolves' staple foods and it shouldn't be surprising to see the wolves taking a deer down on your front lawn. Inviting wildlife into your yard will create other problems and it's just a matter of time before they become habituated."

Fearrey said he had been living in the area for 60 years and for the first 57 of those he hadn't seen a wolf. "Now I see them regularly and they're not 30 pound coyotes. It's a huge concern when you see one on your deck or beside you when you are operating a chain saw. That isn't normal behaviour."

"Part of our role is to protect our citizens," he said. "When I hear there is unusual behaviour we have to do something," adding that people often don't call MNR as they feel it is a waste of a phone call."

Fearrey also commented that the moratorium in the park had been established due to the depletion of the wolf population, but obviously that has changed. Moraal responded that the wolf population was driven by the number of deer in the area which had been high for the last few years. "We try to be liberal in our tag allocation for deer, to bring the numbers down." He also said that the predator population in Haliburton was based on the number of deer from five years ago. "The wolf numbers are still going up and will become even higher before they drop."

He also suggested that if it was a public safety concern the local police should be called in, but that was something that Davis took exception to. "MNR seem to abscond from their responsibility. It is your responsibility, not the police." To this Moraal said the Ministry had cut protection from their budget and didn't have the manpower to deal with every call.

Higgins said, "Our message has been, unless there is an immediate safety concern not to call, but we're not sloughing off our responsibility. If your life is in danger, call the police. If the danger is less immediate, call MNR."

The Council later resolved to ask the Ministry to lift the moratorium on wolves in municipalities that border on Algonquin Park and to ask the Ministry to consider increasing the maximum number of tags that would be issued from two to four. □



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Painter Inspired by her Artist Father

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Barbara Hart had watched for many years as her father took his paintbrush and started his magic, but she never took a real interest in his art. When he would ask her if she wanted to paint too as a young girl she would nonchalantly shake her head.

However last Saturday it was Barbara herself who was showing her collection of landscape paintings, entitled "Woods, Wetlands and the Wonder of it All" at the Rail Ends Gallery, to an enthusiastic opening day crowd.

She explains, "It was only when my father passed away that I started to have a real enthusiasm for painting and became quite drawn into it. My father would go to properties and paint on site. Something all of a sudden just starts in you and now I love doing it. I learnt from my Dad the pure love of painting and like him I become so lost in the moment when I paint."

Barbara's paintings at the gallery eclipse the raw beauty of the Haliburton Highlands and capture the intense and diverse landscape of the journey from Highway 118 in Bracebridge to Kennisis Lake.

Waterfalls, logs, rock cuts and sunsets are some of the landscape features sampled from Barbara's vision. Although the 118 may be known to some as the 'never ending highway' for Barbara it's much more than that. She says "I never get tired of travelling along the highway and believe me I've driven it countless times. It's just brilliant, it's stunning along there. The rock cuts are magnificent, looking closer you see all the different layers to them. The drive is so much more than a way of getting to your destination, the rocks and lakes you pass through are amazing."

Barbara's work is more than simply recreating the landscape before her as some of her pieces are very abstract and the colours immense. She describes her style as expressionist and not realism. She adds, "For instance in one painting I show the image how it's capturing the light, not the representational image. I capture the roughness of the land there. It's not this delicate landscape; it's raw, bold and unnerving."

The artist lives in Etobicoke and has a property on the Gull River which she intends to renovate. She travels to the Highlands nearly every weekend and stays for differing periods of time. Laughing she says, "Anyone who has a cottage up here I'll invite myself over to paint!"

Barbara doesn't always paint directly on site like her father; she may take a photograph or a quick sketch of the intended landscape and then paint from there. Then she takes several trips back to the spot she first captured. Barbara normally has five paintings in the works at one time and flitters back and forth between the paintings when she hits an obstacle.

The visionary also explains that, "I'm at the point where my house is filled to the rafters with my paintings. I'm a musician by trade but with music you have to be very disciplined at it. When you paint you don't follow the notes like you do in music instead you paint as you hear the music. With art you learn later, you have to love it first."

Her collection title was somewhat explained with a description of the collection reading, "A year ago the artist started on a group of paintings featuring Haliburton region; woodlands, wetlands and the fine balance of the natural world found there. Wonder is a suggestion that we may wonder if these habitats will survive for future generations."

Barbara intends to move to Haliburton in the near future and it would certainly be more than a wonder for us all if she continued capturing the raw and fragile beauty of the Highlands.

The collection runs until April 3rd at the Rails End. □



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Red Hawks Win Kawartha Cup, then Silver COSSA Medal to Advance to OFSAA Finals

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawk Hockey squad added one more ribbon to their collection on Monday in Belleville as they took the silver medal in the Central Ontario Secondary School Association finals. The Hawks will now compete in the Ontario (OFSAA) finals in St. Catharines against 20 other teams from all over the province.

Last week the Hawks won the Kawartha Cup, defeating a tough Adam Scott team 6-5 in overtime in a nail-biting thriller. Adam Scott got an early first period goal to make it 1-0, but with a minute to go the Hawk's Ian Bottum tied the game with a beautiful goal from a perfect setup by Ashton Haley.

In the second period, after a prolonged period of chippy play from both sides, the Hawks took a double minor which Adam Scott made full use of, scoring twice to end the frame leading 3-1.

The Hawks came out strong and determined at the beginning of the third, scoring quickly on a bullet from the point by Mark Vasey, again set up by Haley. Ian Bottum then scored again, from Haley and Drew Paul to tie it. Adam Scott came back to make it 4-3, but Cole Rowden, from Vasey, got the equalizer, and at nine minutes in, Brett Yake made it 5-4 for the Hawks, setup again by Haley.

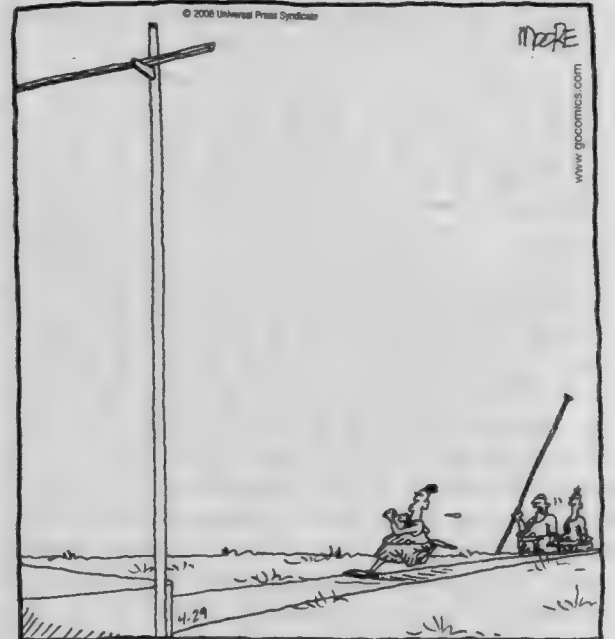
But Adam Scott refused to give up, pulled their goalie, and tied the game at 5 with just 15 seconds to go. Finally, in the first overtime period, the Hawks Yake scored again, with an assist to Vasey.

The victory guaranteed the Hawks entry into the COSSA finals in Belleville, but there was still a little matter of winning the Kawartha Cup in the afternoon tilt against Norwood. And that they did, with a 4-2 victory over the Knights.

On Monday in Belleville the Hawks took to the ice in the morning to face the Trenton High School Tigers: the Hawks again needed a victory in this first game to advance, and they responded with another tense and close contest, winning in overtime by a 3-2 score. After a scoreless first period, the Hawks took the lead with a goal by Bottum, assisted by Haley and Yake. In the third the Tigers went up 2-1, but Scott Griffiths picked up a rebound off a shot by Carson Roberts to tie it. In overtime, Keaton Gadway, with assists to Vasey and Griffiths, put the game away.

In the afternoon contest versus the St. Theresa Titans, the game was held at the Yardmen Arena, an Olympic-sized venue that posed a new challenge for the Hawks with its extremely wide ice surface. Right off the hop, the Hawks' Ashton Haley scored, assisted by Kevin Nelson, but a few seconds later St. Theresa tied it up, and then went ahead 2-1 in the second. In the third Haliburton pulled its goalie in the final minutes, and with just seconds to go Ian Bottum backhanded in a rebound off a Scott Griffith shot in a wild scrum to tie the game.

But in overtime St. Theresa scored on a controversial goal, with both Hawks goaltender Paddy Manuge and Mark Vasey in the net, along with the puck. But still, the Hawks won the silver medal, and will take on the rest of the province in just 10 days time in St. Catharines. □□



"Here we go again. ... Watch. He'll get all the way to the end of the runway and suddenly

The Highland Storm Atom AE are finalists in the OMHA Playoffs!!

It was with worried and nervous parents, that the Atom AEs headed into the game Friday March 5th at the Minden arena for the fourth game against Lakefield Chiefs, the Atom AEs with two games for and one against. Like all hockey parents wanting their kids to succeed, trying to remember that getting this far is an enormous accomplishment, that what is important is to play good hockey and have fun, after all it is a game, mind you an important one. The Highland Storm Atom AEs did not let anyone down they came out with the intent to win, and to their credit so did the Chiefs, but the Storm wanted it just a little more.

The first goal was by Owen Smith assisted by Devyn Prentice in the first period, only to be answered by the Chiefs getting one of their own. With a penalty against the Chiefs resulting in a penalty shot by Greg Crofts, only to be denied a goal, the excitement was mounting. The Storm ended up with another penalty shot again by Greg Crofts, yet again to be denied. Having been frustrated by the Chiefs goalie, Greg Crofts then proceeded to get a hat trick in the second period, with assists to Jack Dobie, Ryan Prentice, and Alex Wilbee. The fourth goal was scored by Owen Smith assisted by Devyn Prentice.

The Storm parents still remained tense knowing there was still a lot of hockey to be played and if the Chiefs lost they would be eliminated and the Storm move onto the finals. After the flood both teams returned to the ice once again with purpose. The Chiefs managed to score two more goals and the Storm got one more by Ryan Prentice, assisted by Alex Wilbee and Trevor Turner. The winning game went to the Storm with a score of 6-3.

The Atom AEs will move onto the finals to play Ilderton. The first games will be in Ilderton this weekend, and then back in the Highlands the weekend of March 19th to 21st. We would also like to congratulate the Highland Storm Atom As on their win Friday and moving onto the championship round in their division. Once again thank you to our sponsor The Pepper Mill restaurant, in Carnarvon and to all the people who came out to support and cheer on our team and to the Highland Storm executive for their support and assistance. And to our boys we are proud of you all for what you have accomplished this hockey season.

Just a short note for all of you who are wondering what all the hoopla is about. To get one team to the OMHA finals is a tremendous achievement, but for two teams to succeed is an extreme accomplishment, it could be said that this is our Stanley Cup, so just imagine the possibility of winning two. The boys on both the Atom A and AE team have represented Haliburton County (and Bancroft) very well being good sportsmen, showing good hockey skill and team spirit.

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Haliburton's Dojo Makes Splash in London Ontario

By Sensei Mike Chapman, Sixth Dan

On February 20th a small, select group of Haliburton's martial arts students made their way to London ON to compete in the "Matsumura Challenge". The London Club's Sensei Gary Legacy is a close friend of mine, so the event wasn't difficult to arrange.

Sensei Legacy teaches a style of Karate known as Shorin – Ryu. 'Ryu' means school, or system. In the late 1800s a man named Matsumura developed a Karate system called Shorin. The style of Karate we use in Haliburton is called Chito Ryu. Our founder was named Lhitosie, who was a grandson of Matsumura. So clearly as a young man Lhitosie was greatly influenced by his famous grandfather.

Usually the Haliburton Kai Shin North Branch (Haliburton) Dojo only attends Chito – Ryu Kai Shin Karate Association sponsored events. This one in London was certainly a little bit different. But all things considered, it was great day of competition in London. As always the students from the Haliburton Dojo performed very well. Five of our students competed and we came home with seven trophies! This year we will go to a few more “open” tournaments which means we will go out of our comfort zone and compete against other styles. It will be a very interesting path to go down!

My friend in London, Sensei Legacy, told us, "I'm glad you

only brought a few people: you guys are great fighters, with good distance and timing, nice movement and footwork." We both laughed, and I told him that this was just a scouting party: in 2011 we will turn up with our complete Dojo, ready for battle!

In my opinion the best "Kumite" or fighter of the day was out little (but only in size) Martine Perry. Martine fought with the heart of a tigress, kicks and punches flying. She showed very strong Karate technique, even though her match went to the Shorin fighter, it could really have gone either way. Regardless, there is no loser in Karate: well done, little lady, you made us all proud.

As always, new recruits are welcome to visit us at any time on Highland Street in Haliburton, besides the Subway. For an appointment please phone 457-3616.

Here are the results from the "Matsumura Challenge".

Mason L'esperance: Gold, Fighting
Hunter L'esperance: Gold, Fighting, Silver, 2nd Kata
Terry Frew: Silver, Fighting, Silver, 2nd Kata
Brandon Newbatt: Silver, Fighting, Bronze, Kata

Honorary Mention: Martine Perry. □



Sensei Mike Chapman with gold medal champions Mason and Hunter L'esperance (Top). Above Martine Perry on the attack.

Let's Raise the Roof Haliburton!

On Friday March 5th Highland Storm Atom A's hosted game three in Minden against Delhi, with all the boys sporting their Semi-Final mohawks. The arena is packed, the crowd is pumped. The boys line up, Kelsey Crowe sings O Canada (thank you, Kelsey). The puck is dropped and off we go. With a well played game by goaltender Josh Bellefleur and all the boys playing great the Storm triumphed 7-2.

The crowd goes WILD the boys have done it, we are off to the All Ontario Finals against Harrow, Ontario.

Games one and two in this series will take place this weekend in Harrow, Ontario (near Windsor). Games three, four and five will be held the weekend of March 19th–21st. We will keep you posted as soon as we have firm game times and look forward to any fan support.

Good Luck to Atom-AE's in their All Ontario Finals as well.

Way to go Boys!!

Monica Keefer ☐



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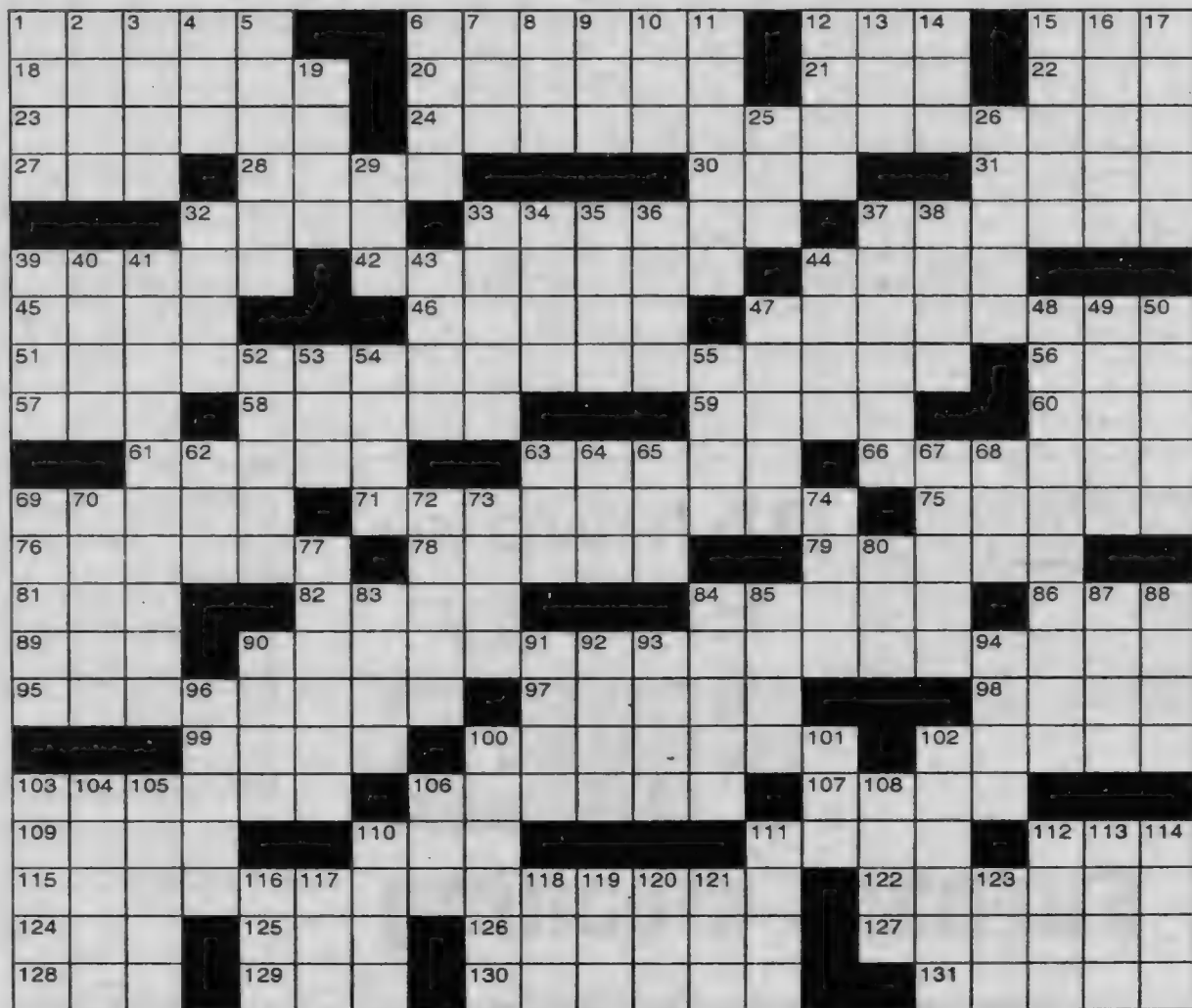
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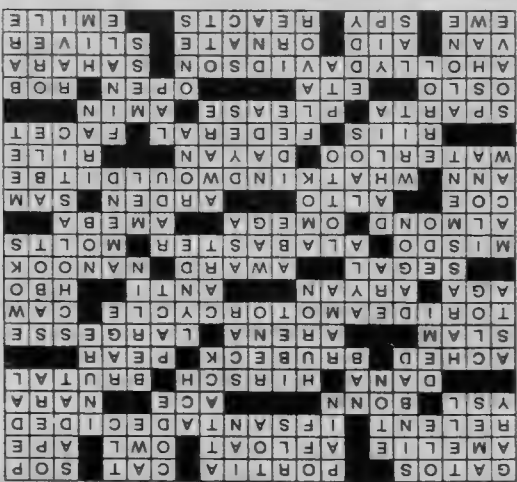
by Abigail Van Buren

TOO MANY COOKS WOULD SPOIL BELOVED MOTHER-IN-LAW'S BROTH

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, Edye, was a wonderful cook and an accomplished hostess. Friends and family enjoyed being a part of her events, not only because of the food but also because she made everyone feel so welcome. Before my husband and I were married, I met Edye for the first time at a dinner she hosted in my honor. Of course, I was nervous about meeting her and wanted to make a good impression. After the introductions, I followed her into the kitchen and offered to do what I could to help. She smiled and said, "No thank you, dear. I like to do things my way," and then she pointed to a poem she had framed and hung on her wall. The title was, "Stay out of My Kitchen," and she told me it had come from your "Keepers" booklet. Edye passed away two years ago, and the poem now hangs in my sister-in-law's kitchen. I think of my dear mother-in-law every time I see it. How can I get some copies of your "Keepers" booklet? I will be hosting a wedding shower for my niece and would like to use them as part of the gift bags I'm assembling for the luncheon. — STILL MISSING EDYE IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR MISSING EDYE: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother-in-law. From your description, she must have been a talented and special lady. I'm pleased Edye found my Keepers Booklet enjoyable, and I hope your guests will, too. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds), to: Dear Abby — Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. You'll find it contains a collection of humorous and inspirational letters, poems and essays that were longtime favorites of my own dear mother — which is why she included them in an inspiring, easy-to-read booklet for anyone who needs a "lift." The poem your mother-in-law framed is brief, polite and succinct — and here it is:

STAY OUT OF MY KITCHEN by Susan Sawyer
Please stay away from my kitchen
From my dishwashing, cooking and such;
You were kind to have offered to pitch in
But thanks, no, thank you so much!
Please don't think me ungracious
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For my kitchen's not any too spacious
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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of respecting the feelings of others, which is one reason people feel comfortable having you in their lives.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A pesky health problem should clear up soon. Meanwhile, travel — both for personal as well as for business reasons — is strong in the Aries aspect this week, and well into the next.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Look for Bovines to be on the move this week, whether it's traveling for fun or for business. Other "moves" include workplace adjustments and, for some, relationship changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Geminis who have just gone through a hectic period involving job and/or family matters might want to take some well-earned time out to relax and restore those drained energy levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A romantic situation seems to have stalled, just when the Moon Child was expecting it to go forward. Could that be a bad case of miscommunication going on. Talk it over openly and honestly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Showing a genuine interest in something that's important to a friend, family member or colleague could open a communication line that had been pretty much shut down for a while.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making a potentially life-changing decision takes as much knowledge as you can gather, plus determination and patience. Take your time working it out. Don't let anyone rush you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You should be back on schedule and heading in the right direction after clearing up a misunderstanding. But there could still be some setbacks. If so, correct them immediately.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A business matter keeps you pretty busy, but try to squeeze in time to be with family as well as close friends. You need the good vibrations you get from people who care for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Investing in an attractive prospect (business or personal) with little or no information can be risky. Avoid future problems by getting all the facts before you act.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have an unexpected reaction to a decision you feel you're prepared to make. Listen to his or her point of view. It could prove to be surprisingly helpful.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't give up yet. That once warm, personal relationship that seems to be cooling off fast could recover with some tender, loving care, and who better than you to provide it?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Career matters are strong this week. You might want to enter a training program to enhance your skills. Also, consider getting professional help in preparing a brilliant resume.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: SOCRATES
(e.g., He is best remembered as a great Greek Philosopher.)

PH.D. LEVEL

7. Who was Xanthippe?
Answer _____
8. Who were Lamprocles, Sophroniscus and Menexenus?
Answer _____
9. The phrase "This sentence is false" is an example of a Socratic _____.
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Plato. 2. The oracle at Delphi. 3. Nothing. 4. A method of teaching by question and answer to elicit truths. 5. Corrupting the minds of the youth of Athens. 6. By drinking a mixture containing poison hemlock. 7. His wife. 8. His three sons. 9. Paradox.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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FRESHMAN LEVEL

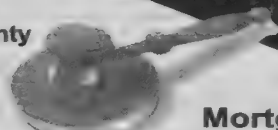
1. We know Socrates mainly through this philosopher's dialogues.
Answer _____
2. Who declared that nobody was wiser than Socrates?
Answer _____
3. Socrates said, "I know that I know _____.
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. What is meant by the Socratic method?
Answer _____
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Answer _____
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Announcements

BIRTH



Gary and Winnie Kasepchuk and family are proud to announce the safe arrival of their grandson Ethan Gary Upton on February 24th, 2010 at 7:23a.m., 7lbs 2ozs at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay. Proud parents Ashley Kasepchuk and Jeremy Upton, big sister, Jennifer.

Fun For Kids



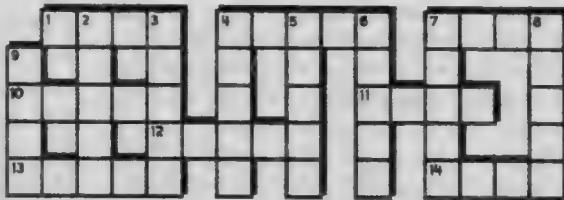
CAN YOU SPOT THE TWO YO-YOS that are exactly the same?

Answer: Yo-yos 5 and 12.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A FILL-IN PUZZLE



Illustrated by David Coulson

PUZZLE TILL YOU DROP! Try solving this AlphaMath puzzle in less than five minutes. You must replace the letters to the right with the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.



SOLVE BEFORE THE BUS ARRIVES! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word: The words in Grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

- 1. Cut diamond shape.
- 2. To speak harshly.
- 3. Urgent, desperate need.
- 4. A flow of water.



- 1. Harvest time activity.
- 2. Foreign currency.
- 3. Amusement park feature.
- 4. A scenic pond.

Pictured above is a crossword puzzle grid. Below are the 16 words that you'll need to complete the puzzle using the trial-and-error method. Keep an eraser handy!

AMUSE FEIGN NOOKS
BRAD FLASH OLDER
CALM FLEA PAIR
CHEAP HAFTS RADIO
CORN MAYOR TOGAS
DARTS

Answers: (Across) 1. Brad, 4. Flash, 7. Calm, 10. Older, 11. Flea, 12. Togas, 13. Nooks, 14. Pair (Down) 2. Radio, 3. Darts, 4. Feign, 5. Amuse, 6. Haft, 7. Cheap, 8. Mayor, 9. Corn.

Anne McKay
Celebrating
A
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Please join us on March 13th, 2010 as we celebrate the 90th Birthday of Anne McKay 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. at the Mount Batten Room at the Royal Canadian Legion. Light refreshments being served.

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S E T A G L L I B P Q P O M W

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Bill Gates Goldwater Jobs Turner
Dell H. Ford Paul Allen Wozniak
Eastwood Hanks Robert Frost

In Memory



I watched her take flight that August night, and left memories for us to share. She grew so much, many lives touched. The last Ambassador of the County Fair, we love you too much.

March 12, 2008.

Love Dad, Mom, Kim, Ashley, Jason, Jennifer, Ethan, family and friends.

DEATH NOTICES



William Rimmer
1924-2010



After a courageous battle with cancer, Bill ("Bub") passed away in his 86th year, surrounded by loved ones at Sunnybrook Veterans Centre on Monday March 1, 2010. Predeceased by his wife, Marjorie Ann (Aston), parents William and Isabella (Morris), brothers Ralph, Gordon, and his sister Florence Christie. Loving Father of Jacqueline (Keith Clarkson) of New Jersey, Jeff (Pam) of Newmarket, Natalie (Chris Hempstead) of Courtyce and Greg of Erin, Devoted Poppa to Elaine (Paul), Sharon, Jeffery, Kent (Anna), Eric and Elisabeth and all his granddogs and grandcats. "BUB" will be lovingly remembered by in-laws, Jane, Ralph, and Louise, many nieces, nephews and friends. Special thanks to Sunnybrook Veterans Centre and the K@C staff for their exemplary care and attention during the last several months.

Visitation & Memorial Service

A Celebration of Bill's life will be held at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Saturday May 29th 2010 at 1:00p.m. Interment later St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As expressions of sympathy, the family requests memorial donations to Veterans Comfort Fund-K2C at Sunnybrook Foundation, 2075 Bayview Avenue, Room H332, Toronto, Ontario M4N 3M5 or www.sunnybrook.ca/foundation

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Curator/Heritage Programmer, Minden Hills Museum
P/T Permanent position, 1400 hours/year with benefits

The Minden Hills Museum is a community museum made up of 6 heritage buildings and a collections building owned and operated by the Township of Minden Hills. The Museum is under the administrative umbrella of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (MHCC) which, along with the museum, is made up of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery (a public art gallery) and the R.D. Lawrence Place (literary arts and environmental education centre). The MHCC site also houses the Minden Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and Highland Media Arts, a community based media arts and education organization.

Minden Hills Museum's Curator/Heritage Programmer is a dynamic and enthusiastic individual who understands community based programming and possesses a keen interest and/or experience in heritage education, cultural history or museum studies. Reporting to the Director of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, the Curator/Heritage Programmer is responsible for the museum collection, the day-to-day operations of the museum, the development of heritage education programs for school groups and for the delivery of community programs.

For a more information and a copy of the full job description go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

Interested applicants should send resume and covering letter (include job title on cover letter) by 4 pm March 18, 2010. Emailed applications are accepted. Send to: Minden Hills Cultural Centre Box 648, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

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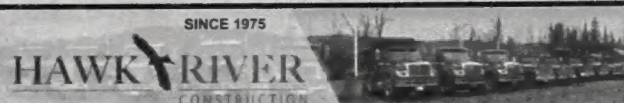
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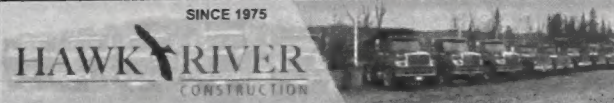
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Canoe FM Plans New Show for Seniors

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

Canoe FM will be partnering with seniors in the community to create 24 one hour radio shows to be aired on the station this year. The initiative is funded by the Government of Canada through a New Horizons for Seniors Program grant.

Members of the community came together at a meeting in late February at Fleming College to discuss the venture and to listen to people's ideas. Whether they worked specifically with seniors in the community or wanted to just have fun and contribute to the show there were a wealth of enthusiastic ideas that circled within the meeting.

Roxanne Casey from Canoe FM said she envisioned an hour where they could talk about senior issues and putting seniors skills to use. Realizing that the radio station garnered a large percentage of listeners over the age of 40 and trying to fulfill something the radio station needed they posed the idea of a seniors hour long radio show.

Canoe FM is a not for profit organization, ran by volunteers and funded through advertisements and donations from the community. The \$18,300 grant will help the radio station continue its work.

Casey emphasized that they didn't have to draw upon stereotypical ideas concerning seniors, and stated, "We want to think outside the box for ideas and to make it really enjoyable."

Project coordinator Shelley King told the crowd, "Our vision was to communicate and share seniors' experiences and to just have fun. The intent is that the show is for senior listeners created by seniors. We've got years of experience of creativity and ideas. It's a very valuable resource to tap into."

While you don't have to be over the age of 50 to participate hosts and co-hosts will need to be over 50 years of age, however guests can be any age, as long as their subject matter is of high interest to seniors.

An advisory committee will be created where the majority of the creativity and planning will happen. King said that, "They will be the people with the ideas and visions, yet also people who can use other ideas and suggestions to find a creative way to incorporate it into the shows. Most of the decisions will happen at the advisory committee."

The shows will be planned in March and April with the radio shows being completed within the calendar year. Ideally they would like the first 12 one hour shows recorded and edited for airing by early June. Twelve more shows would be then ready for the fall. Shows will be weekly, with a repeat airing in the same week. CD's of the show will be available to seniors without internet access who live outside the listening area.

No previous experience is needed within radio and Canoe FM will provide radio training. Ideas such as radio dramas, musical pieces and senior issues amongst others were all noted at the meeting.

Transportable equipment is available from the radio station so any seniors without transportation or with mobility issues it means the hosts can come to them.

It was noted at the meeting that Canoe FM along with the help of the senior volunteers intends to keep the program continuing even after the grant period is over.

For more information or to get involved with the project contact Shelley King at (705) 448-8889. □

Shelley King, above, speaks to volunteers from Canoe FM and community organisations at the New Horizons for Seniors Radio meeting held at Fleming College on February 18th.

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Coming Events....

On The Trails

Submitted by Haliburton All Terrain Vehicle Association, (HATVA).

The Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary invites you to join them Wednesday's at 1:00p.m. at the Legion in the Main Hall for Bid Euchre, \$2.00 each at the door. **EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

Coming Soon



The Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre will be sponsoring a showing of "Sarah's Choice" at Lakeside Baptist Church on Friday March 12th, 2010 at 7:00p.m. \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family for more information call: 705-457-4673 see the trailer at www.pureflix.com/sarah



St Pat's Stew Dinner

THE LOCHLIN COMMUNITY CENTRE IS HOSTING A ST. PATRICK'S DAY STEW DINNER

SATURDAY MARCH 13TH, 2010-STARTS AT 4:30P.M.

Homemade stew and coleslaw will be served with a roll and dessert. For reservation call Lynda at 286-3438 or Helen at 286-6087. Bring your kids-friends-neighbours and enjoy an evening and support your Community Centre.



Stanhope Soccer League Registration

Tuesday March 16th, 2010 from 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. and Saturday March 27, 2010 from 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m. Boys and Girls ages 5 to 14 as of June 15, 2010. Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall, North Shore Road Carnarvon

****Important** Bring your Health Card Volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Student Coaches needed.**

Please call the Recreation Department at 705-766-9968 for more information

and surface, other vehicles, trail users, and watch for and obey signs. Look where you are driving and watch for hazards such as dips, bumps, wildlife, branches, wire, etc.

Consider using a windshield, especially in winter to help keep the driver warmer and also for protection from objects. Trail wardens check the trails to make sure they are as safe as possible. Ride safe. And just to clarify, the Haliburton Rail Trail runs from Haliburton village to the county line just north of Kinmount. A rail line does extend beyond that, it is known as the Victoria Rail Trail.

Next month: support for your community. □

Free Community Event Celebrating Seniors

"Through My Eyes" Photography Exhibit



**March 18, 2010
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Parklane Apartments
1 Victoria Street, Haliburton
Light refreshments, community displays, free handouts

For more information contact Karen Anderson at 1-800-461-0327

Elder Abuse Prevention Network
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The Business & Community Achievement Awards Gala

Gala Event Saturday March 20th at



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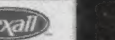
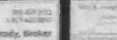
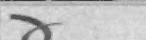
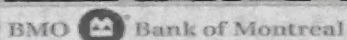
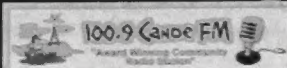
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